

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please Amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 19 and ending on page 21, line 1, as follows:

The thickness of the coating layer is preferably 20 to 200 μm , more preferably 30 to ~~18~~
 μm 180 μm . The brilliancy is reduced to cause that the brightness is undesirably reduced when the coating layer thickness is less than 20 μm . The degree of brilliancy is increased to reduce light scattering property to cause that the linear light source is undesirably shown through when the coating layer thickness exceeds 200 μm .

Please Amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 10 and ending on page 25, line 3, as follows:

A light diffusion plate having the base material layer (A) and the coating resin layers (b) laminated on the both side of the base material layer (A) was prepared by using a laminated sheet extruder (manufactured by Plabor Co., Ltd.) having a feed block die, a polishing roller, and two extruders (each manufactured by Pla Giken Co., Ltd.; product type: PG) each having a screw diameter of 60 mm and 25 mm. An extruder temperature was set to 260°C; a die temperature was set to 250°C; a polishing roller temperature was set to 100°C; and a polishing roller nip line pressure was set to 20 kgf/cm. A thickness of the coating layer resin (B) was controlled in accordance with a ratio of an amount of the extruded base material layer resin (A), and the coextrusion was so performed as to achieve the thickness of about 30- ~~μ 30 μm~~ on each of the surfaces. A thickness of the light diffusion plate was controlled to be 2 mm by adjusting the extruded amount of the base material layer resin (A) and a gap between the polishing rollers.